

WAR SPIRIT RISING

Rash of Volunteers to Enlist in British Army.

SEVERAL PEERS AMONG NUMBER

Forebodings in London Over Death of News From Front.

TELEGRAM FROM METHUEN

LONDON, December 21.—There was no news from South Africa up to 3 p.m. today, other than fragments of disconnected stories of past events. This silence is having the natural effect of creating forebodings. The splendid patriotism of volunteers continues to be evidenced on all sides. The newspapers note with satisfaction the effect that this display of British spirit and evidence of the resources the empire is able to command is having on continental critics. The Westminster Gazette, however, sounds a note of alarm. It thinks the moment is peculiarly unpropitious to send abroad the home defenders, since no one is quite easy as to the effect the proceedings in South Africa will have on Great Britain's European neighbors.

Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice went by train from Windsor to Farnborough this morning, and spent an hour with ex-Empress Eugenie.

Queen Annoyed at Rumors. The queen has been greatly annoyed by the unfounded statements that she is in ill-health and perpetually weeping. A paragraph contradicting these stories appears in the papers, which add that it has never been her majesty's habit to display grief like a hysterical school girl.

Related stories from Cleveley camp, Natal, all concur in saying the British did not win in an impossible situation. The oldest war correspondents say they never saw anything comparable with the bravery of the men and officers. The navy contingent created an immense furore, engaging the Boers single-handed and hailing shrapnel and high explosive shells on the fortifications of the town. In a vast effort of silence the murderous fire of the Boers, while the British forced the passage of the river.

The advance of a British brigade along the road leading to the bridge, in the face of a deadly fusillade, is described as magnificent. The British forced their way across the bridge under a hail of bullets. The latter of the bullets on the dry plain, it is added, raised the dust like a vast carpet of water. The heat throughout was intense. There are many stories of special acts of bravery.

Several Peers Volunteer. The Duke of Marlborough, who is a lieutenant in the Oxfordshire Yeomanry, and who has volunteered for service in South Africa, will take with him fifteen men and horses of his troop. He will personally furnish the equipment for these men.

The Earl of Warwick, the Earl of Dudley, the Earl of Lonsdale and Viscount Galloway are among the other members of the aristocracy who have volunteered for service in the campaign against the Boers.

Telegram From Gen. Methuen. The war office has received the following from Gen. Forester-Walker, the British commander at Cape Town:

"CAPE TOWN, Wednesday, Dec. 20. Methuen wires that he has received a rude reply from Gen. Cronje regarding his representations as to Lieut. Chandon-Pole-Gell, saying that this officer is regarded as a spy. Gen. Cronje also states he will hold no further communication with Methuen."

On December 18 the British war office received the following dispatch, dated Sunday, December 17, from Gen. Forester-Walker:

"Methuen reports that Lieut. Chandon-Pole-Gell was taken prisoner last Thursday when going to meet a flag of truce. He was waving his handkerchief in response and was unarmed."

Reconnaissance in Boer Territory. TULI, Monday, December 11, via Lourenço Marques, Saturday, December 16.—Col. Plumer, with a strong reconnoitering party of horsemen, has returned from a week's expedition into Transvaal territory. He reached a point fifty miles from Pietersburg, in the South African republic, but found no Boers, the country being seemingly empty of men.

LONDON, December 21.—The Allan line steamers Lauriana, Poldina and Pomeranian have been chartered by the government for the purpose of conveying Canadian troops to South Africa.

CAPE TOWN, December 21.—As a result of the inquiry into the disaster to the British transport Ismore, which went ashore on the rocks in St. Helena bay December 3, suspended for six months.

The Cunard line steamer Umbria, which arrived here December 19 from New York, has also been chartered by the British government for use as a troop ship.

English Spy in Cleveland. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 21.—John Hayes, an English spy, is reported by the authorities of this city to be here to gather information regarding the recruiting of soldiers in this city for the purpose of service in the Transvaal. He came direct from Philadelphia. The Boer and movement here has become somewhat forthright, and the presence of Hayes will have the effect of rendering operations less conspicuous.

MILWAUKEE'S PROSPECTS BEST. Committee Sanguine of Securing the Democratic Convention. MILWAUKEE, Wis., December 21.—The committee having charge of the work to bring the national democratic convention to Milwaukee are sanguine that the chances of this city are still the best. Mayor Rose is going east to do missionary work for the cause. He said:

"I will leave for Washington on January 15 and will see the democratic members of Congress in the interest of Milwaukee. From Washington I will go through Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and New York, and I may possibly visit some of the New England cities for the purpose of seeing the national committee members of those states, or as many of them as I am able to. From the assurances that the local committee have made, I feel that we have an excellent chance of securing the convention."

ALIVE, RICH AND MARRIED. Dr. Luella Day Surprises Friends Who Thought Her Dead. CHICAGO, December 21.—A romantic story of the death of Dr. Luella Day developed today, when Dr. Luella Day was two years ago left here for the Klondike and whose death in a snow slide later was generally believed, entered the Auditorium Hotel and was registered by Edward McConnell, also a "Klondiker," as his wife, Mrs. McConnell. Dr. Day, who is now married, and her husband, who met and married her there, owns several rich claims.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Many Members of Congress Called to Give Greetings.

Christmas Boxes Are Already Arriving—Mr. Hahn of Ohio Talks on the Vice Presidency.

Many senators and representatives called upon the President today to pay their respects and extend their Christmas greetings before leaving for their homes to spend the holiday season. Among them was Representative Richardson, democratic leader of the House, accompanied by Representatives McCallan of New York and Stallings of Alabama. Mr. Stallings is the leading democratic candidate for governor of Alabama to succeed Governor Johnson, who is believed a strong fight to succeed Senator Morgan.

The President is very cordial in his responses to these evidences of good will. He appears to be enjoying exceptionally good health. He neglects no opportunity to get out of the White House for a brisk walk in the inclement air. This morning he took a long stroll with Secretary Wilson.

Christmas Boxes Coming. Many Christmas boxes are already beginning to reach the White House containing gifts for President and Mrs. McKinley, and it is supposed that gifts are already on their way to their destination from the White House.

Mr. McKinley's health no extensive preparations are making for the Christmas celebration. Miss Grace McKinley and Miss Sarah Duncanson, niece of President and Mrs. McKinley, will be guests at the White House during the holidays, but it is not known yet whether they will arrive in time for the Christmas dinner with the President and Mrs. McKinley.

Root for Vice President. William Hahn, former republican state chairman of Ohio, was at the White House today. Talking of political matters, he said: "The country is disposed to concede the republican vice presidential nomination to New York. I think Secretary Root would be the ideal man for the nomination."

Heavy Teams to Be Kept Off Pennsylvania Avenue During Certain Hours. A movement is on foot in Congress to make a heavy team of Pennsylvania avenue under the name of "heavy teams," which would prohibit the use of that street during certain hours of the day. The proposition originated among members of the House District committee, by whom it has been discussed informally, but it is said that a number of senators to whom the subject has been broached have signified their concurrence in the proposed legislation.

The idea is to secure legislative action which will authorize the Commissioners to fix regulations to limit the traffic on this main highway of the city by prohibiting heavy vehicles to use the street, say after 6 o'clock in the morning and until dark.

It is urged in behalf of the plan that travel on Pennsylvania avenue is congested by the unnecessary presence of numerous hauling teams, which crowd off the carriages and lighter vehicles which of necessity have to go on the avenue. There is a great deal of travel between the Capitol, hotels and markets, and points along this street. Another plea for the change is that the safety of the throngs of people on the avenue would be conserved by keeping the heavy teams off the street.

Some of the members of the committee who are interesting themselves in the matter have made observations in the last few days and say they were surprised to find the amount of heavy travel on the avenue. They say it is a common sight to see a half-dozen teams, pulling heavy wagons, or half a dozen carts in a line, pushing through the avenue, when they might as well be using a side street for east and west travel. Large teams are also hauling railroad iron, taking up a great deal of room, jog along, they say, impeding the movements of other vehicles and adding to the danger and discomfort of every one.

This could be avoided, it is urged, by regulating the use of the streets, and without delaying their own progress, the avenue could then be converted into a boulevard. The proposition will be brought before the House District committee officially when Congress reconvenes.

FERRY TO ALEXANDRIA

Representative Rixey Introduces a Bill Asking for Estimates. Mr. Rixey of Virginia has introduced a resolution providing "That the Secretary of War be requested to have prepared, for the information of the river and harbor committee, estimates for the improvement of the Potomac river for a ferry from the foot of King street in Alexandria, Va., to the Maryland or District of Columbia shore."

Also a resolution asking for estimates for the improvement of Great Hunting creek, a branch of the Potomac river, in Fairfax county, Va.

ENTRANCE TO THE DISTRICT

Rights Wanted by the Falls Church and Potomac Railway Company. Mr. Rixey of Virginia has introduced a bill to the House (H. R. 1241) authorizing the Falls Church and Potomac Railway Company to extend their railway, for street railway purposes only, into and within the District of Columbia, beginning at the proposed terminus of the main line of the railway in Virginia on the west side of Little river, thence across the marshes of that part, or arm, of the Potomac river known as Little river, to a ferry on the south end of Annapolis Island to the shore line of the proposed new west bank of the Potomac river, thence by a suitable steam ferry across the river to New Hampshire avenue and the foot of E street northwest extended to the river, thence along the line of New Hampshire avenue to the line of F street, thence along the line of F street to Virginia avenue, thence along the line of Virginia avenue to E street, thence along the line of E street to 17th street, thence along the line of 17th street to B street, and thence along the line of B street to the west building line of 9th street. No freight trains shall be carried on E street, 17th, 27th or B street, and no horses, overhead trolley or steam locomotive shall be used.

REVOLT QUICKLY CRUSHED. Minister Hunter Describes an Uprising in Guatemala. The attempt at revolution in Guatemala has come to an end, according to advices to the State Department from United States Minister Hunter. He cables that on the 14th instant the rebels seized the town of Tacana, near the Mexican border. The government troops soon surrounded the place and captured nearly all of the insurgents, bringing the revolution to a sudden termination.

THE LAWTON FUND

Many Expressions of Sympathy Received by Gen. Corbin.

CONTRIBUTIONS ALREADY COMING IN

Secretary Root's Official Order Announcing the General's Death.

THE PRESIDENT'S FEELING

Adjutant General Corbin, the head of the committee charged with the collection of funds for the benefit of the family of the late Gen. Lawton, is in receipt of expressions of sympathy and of willingness to cooperate from all quarters of the country. Some of these are accompanied by contributions of money, and altogether there is promise of a generous response to the committee's appeal issued yesterday. Gen. Charles King, who served under Gen. Lawton in the Philippines, has telegraphed from Milwaukee that the committee might count on a proper response from that city to the appeal. Lieut. Col. Trumann, late of the North Dakota Volunteers, which organization was also part of Lawton's original command, has also telegraphed an expression of the deep sorrow felt by the entire state of North Dakota at the death of Gen. Lawton, while the brokerage house of Worrick & Co. of New York, the head of which is a son of the late Admiral Worden, has voluntarily undertaken to collect funds for the committee. The committee aim to collect at least \$25,000, which sum, it is hoped, will be sufficient to defray the mortgage on a section of the property at Redlands, and still leave a sufficient fund to cover the immediate necessities of the family.

Money Coming In. The first contribution in Washington came from a clerk in the War Department, who contributed \$2.00 from his salary to start the list of contributors.

A telegram was received from Gen. R. E. Alger, saying: "I send \$100 for the Lawton fund. I hope there will be such a generous response all over the country to the committee's appeal that the debt of the family will be cleared off."

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NEW APPORTIONMENT

Plan to Reduce Representation in Southern States.

CENSUS STATISTICS TO BE COMPILED

A Difference of Opinion Among Republican Leaders.

MR. CRUMPACKER'S BILL

The first step in the direction of carrying out the idea long entertained by prominent republicans of reducing the representation of some of the southern states in Congress has been taken. Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, a member of the census committee, has introduced a bill requiring the director of the census to compile statistics to be used by the census committee in preparing the next reapportionment bill. These statistics would show the election laws of the states in question, so far as they affect the disqualification of voters; also the number of white and colored voters in each state, with the number of votes actually cast in 1890 and 1898.

The plan of reapportionment contemplated reducing the congressional representation of the number of states in which the figures show that voters are disqualified and prevented from exercising the right of franchise.

A Difference of Opinion. Chairman Hopkins of the census committee is avowedly in favor of the plan, and it is also endorsed by some of the republican campaign managers who have practical knowledge of conditions in the south.

On the other hand, some republicans balk at the proposition. They say that it will be bad politics to do anything at this time to alienate the influential faction of gold and silver capitalists, who are the democrats in the border states and industrial southern states who now evidence a leaning toward the republican party. They fear that if Crumpacker's plan prevails these men will be driven back into the democratic organization, swallowing free trade, free trade and anything else as an alternative to losing representation in the House.

The republican managers, however, are very much in a hurry, and it is certain that the proposition will be brought up for consideration, if it gets no further than a republican caucus.

MR. CRUMPACKER'S BILL

Mr. Crumpacker's bill in full is as follows: "That the director of the census shall compile, in convenient form, the election and registration laws of the several states in so far as they affect the qualification of voters, and he shall collect statistics showing the number of registered voters, white and colored, respectively, in each state, and the number of votes actually cast at the general election in each state, in 1890 and 1898, and the regular congressional elections in 1890 and 1898 in each state. He shall also cause to be prepared from the population schedules made in taking the twelfth census a tabulated statement showing, respectively, the number of white and colored citizens in each state over the age of twenty-one years, together with the number of illiterates in each class. Such compilation, statistical information and tabulated statement shall be completed and submitted to Congress on or before the first day of December, 1900. The director of the census is hereby authorized to appoint and employ such additional special agents and clerks at the compensation now paid to such agents and clerks as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act."

THE PRESIDENT'S SYMPATHY. The President yesterday afternoon sent the following telegram to Gen. Oatis, EXECUTIVE MANSION, December 20, 1899.

Major Gen. Oatis, Manila. I have learned with inexpressible sorrow of the death of Major Gen. Lawton, and ask to share with the officers and men of the 8th corps in their grief. One of the most gallant officers of the army has fallen.

At the time the sad news came to us his health was such that we were in fear that he would be unable to see his friends and family. He was a brave and noble soldier, and his death is a great loss to the army.

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Charges That the Committee on Elections Will Investigate After the Holidays.

W. A. Clark of Montana is an object of exhaustive interest in the Senate, being the man who is worth more millions than any other member of that sometimes called national "millionaires' club." It is hardly right to call the Senate the "millionaires' club," for there are actually but a few of the body entitled to the distinction of being counted as millionaires. A majority of the Senate is composed of men who would feel it a privilege to be even associated with a man known to be worth a million. W. A. Clark would not begin to attract as much attention on Wall street or in the stock exchange as he does in the Senate by reason of his wealth. There are several rich men in Congress, but their number is not so great as to make them commonplace and to deprive them of the distinction and deference due to men of financial importance.

Clark of Montana is not a very impressive looking man. The very impressive figure of DeLoach sold by Italians on the street makes a very good likeness of Clark in the Senate. Clark is a man of a few words, but he is a man of a few words, and he is a man of a few words.

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HAYTIANS EXCITED

Alarmed Over Presence of German Warship at Port au Prince.

FEAR REPETITION OF LUDERS CASE

This Incident Occurred Just About Two Years Previous.

SIMILAR CASE PENDING

Correspondence of the Associated Press. PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, December 8.—The German warship Nixe entered this port yesterday coming from Panama. It is the neighboring republic of Santo Domingo. The Nixe, which has a crew of 350 sailors and marines, mounts seventeen guns, and is commanded by Capt. Von Basse, saluted the Haytian flag. The salute was returned by the forts. The arrival of the Nixe caused a general